## H.R.3813

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 2, 2002

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

## AN ACT

To modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

## 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Coal Accountability
- 3 and Retired Employee Act for the 21st Century".
- 4 SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION
- 5 FUND INTEREST.
- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 7 sion of law, any interest credited to the fund established
- 8 by section 401 of the Surface Mining Control and Rec-
- 9 lamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1231) shall be trans-
- 10 ferred to the Combined Fund identified in section
- 11 402(h)(2) of such Act (30 U.S.C. 1232(h)(2)), up to such
- 12 amount as is estimated by the trustees of such Combined
- 13 Fund to offset the amount of any deficit in net assets in
- 14 the Combined Fund.
- 15 (b) Prohibition on Other Transfers.—Except
- 16 as provided in subsection (a), no principal amounts in or
- 17 credited to the fund established by section 401 of the Sur-
- 18 face Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30
- 19 U.S.C. 1231) may be transferred to the Combine Fund
- 20 identified in section 402(h)(2) of such Act (30 U.S.C.
- 21 1232(h)(2)).

- 1 (c) LIMITATION.—This section shall cease to have
- 2 any force and effect after September 30, 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives October 1, 2002.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.